



Public Land Management in

WYOMING



Climate extremes



- Annual average rainfall:
14.5 inches
- Temperature range:
100+ degrees to well below zero
- Elevation range:
Gannett Peak - 13,804 feet to
Belle Fourche River - 3,100 feet
- Mean elevation 6,700 feet



Population...Or lack of it!



50th state in population - 564,000

5.8 people per square mile - U.S. average is 87.3

Antelope and human populations are nearly equal



How small is

WYOMING?

- One four-year university
- Largest city: Cheyenne - 59,466
- Second largest city: Casper - 55,316
 - With the only two escalators in the State
- Third largest city:
War Memorial Stadium on game day - 34,000
(If we are having a winning season)



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State of historic firsts

- First state to allow women to vote (1869)
- First county public library system (1886)
- First night lighted football game (1925)
- First woman governor (1925)



Significant public land firsts

Yellowstone
National Park



Shoshone National
Forest



Devil's
Tower
National
Monument



First Grazing District



Ranching



9,300 ranches and farms
3,800-acre average ranch size



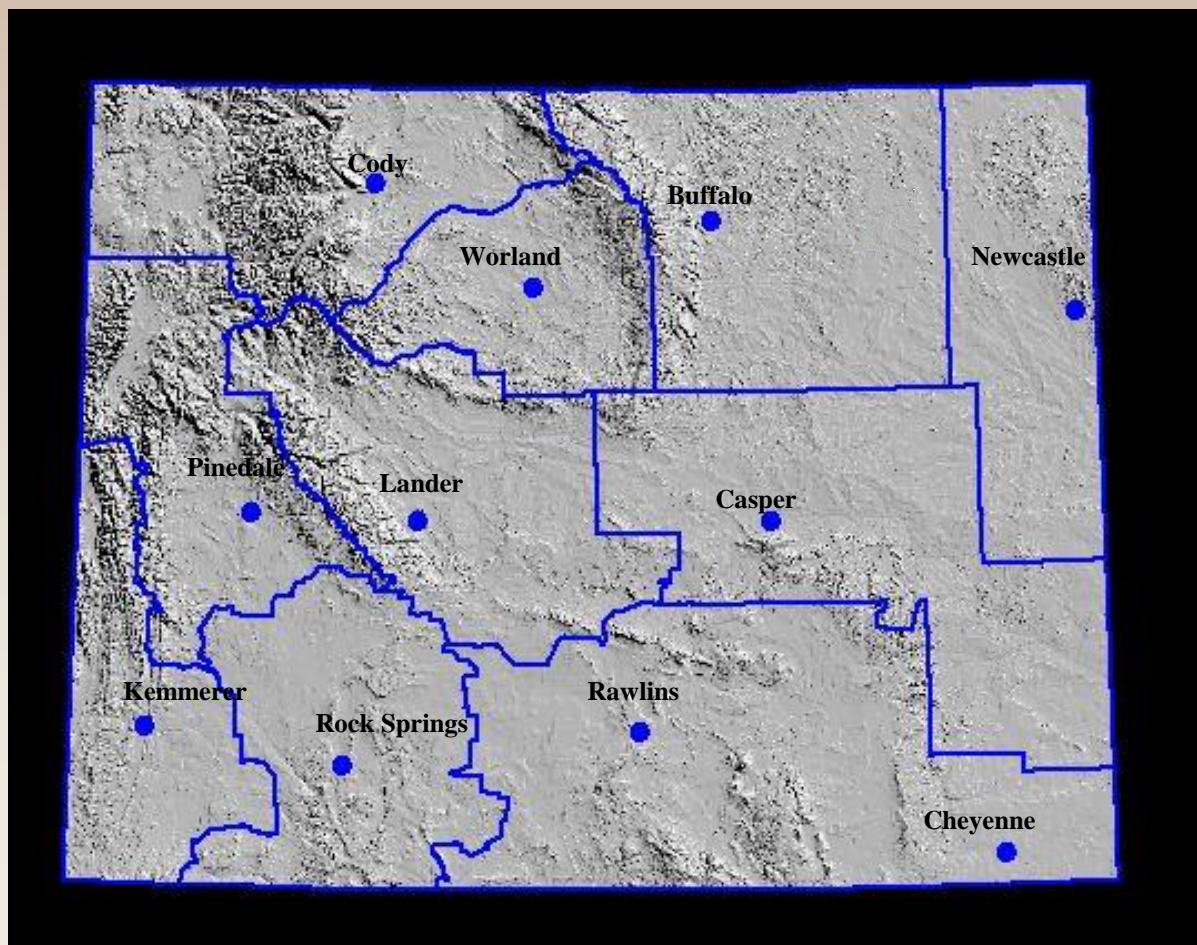
Economy

- Largest industry:
Mineral production
- Second largest industry:
Tourism
- Third largest industry:
Agriculture
- Strong state economy
- No state income tax



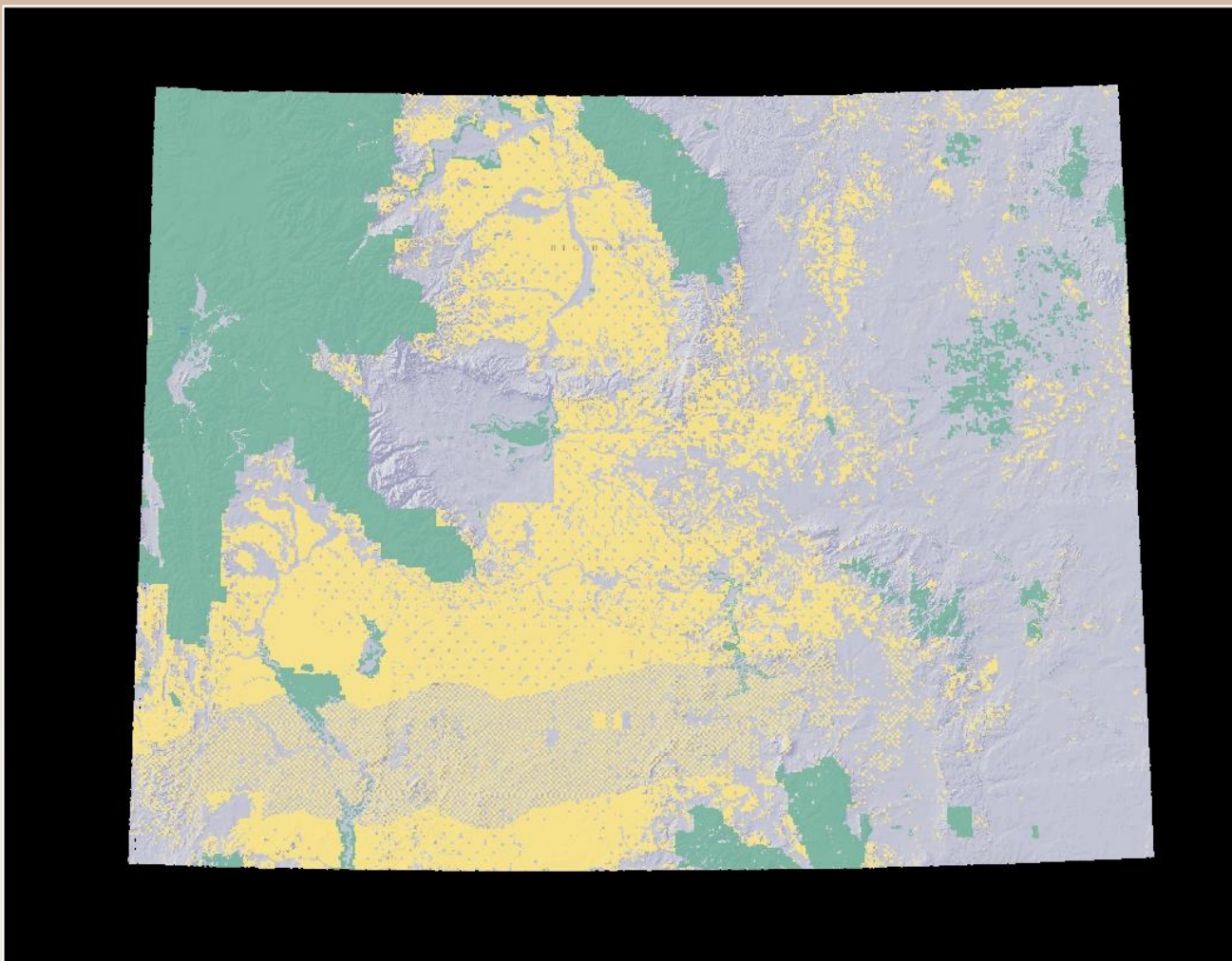
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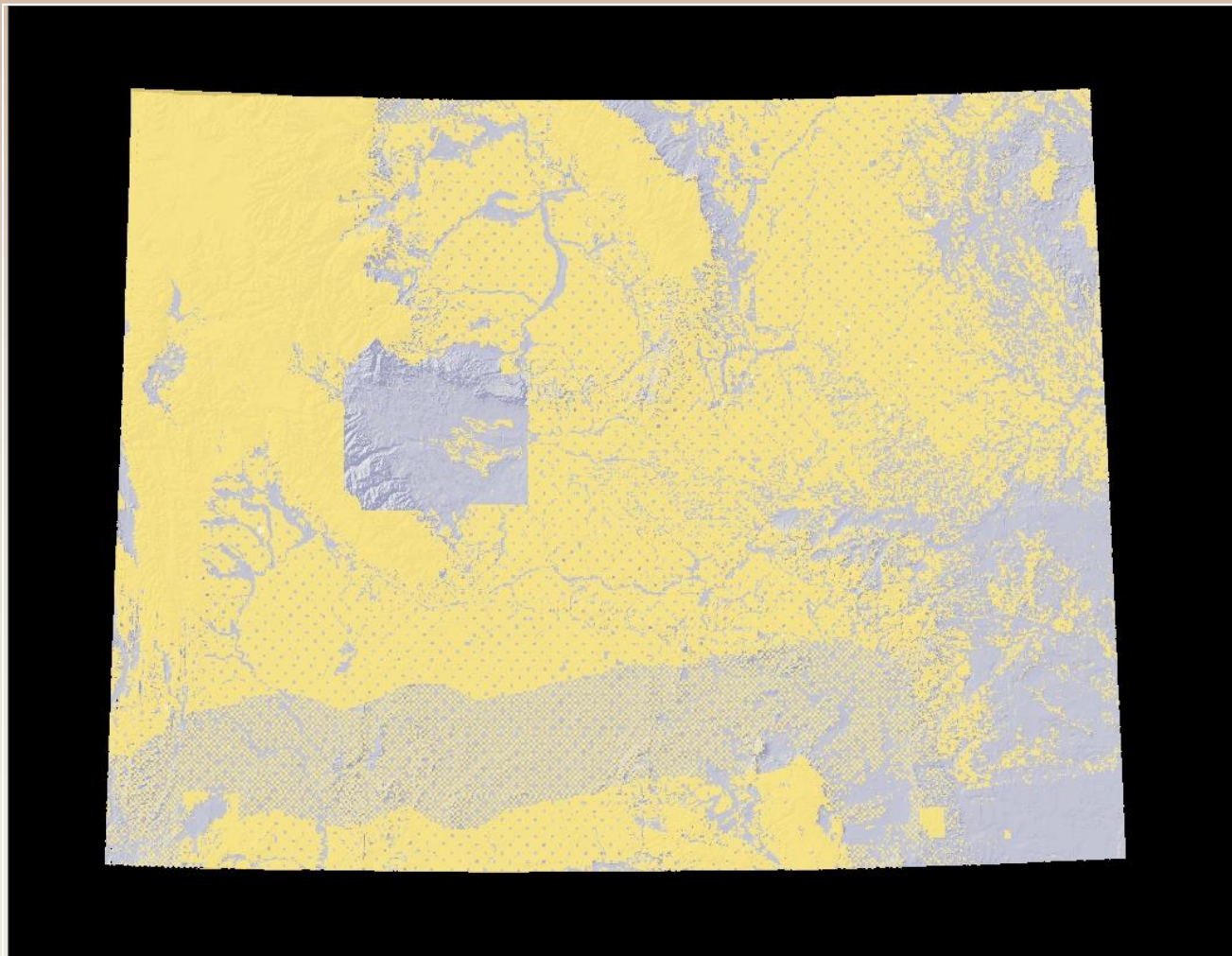
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Federal Surface Ownership



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Federal Mineral Ownership

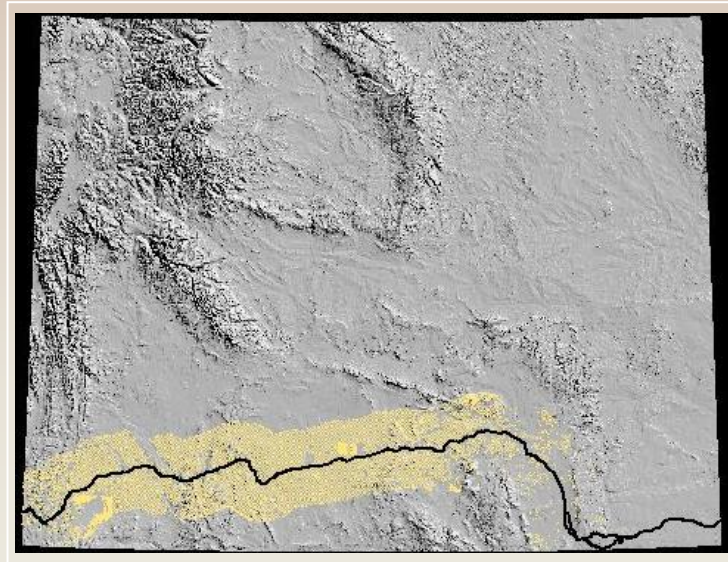


Land ownership and management challenges



Homestead acts

Union Pacific Railroad
Constructed 1867 – 1869



- 2/3 of Wyoming is federal mineral estate
- 28% of Wyoming is BLM managed surface

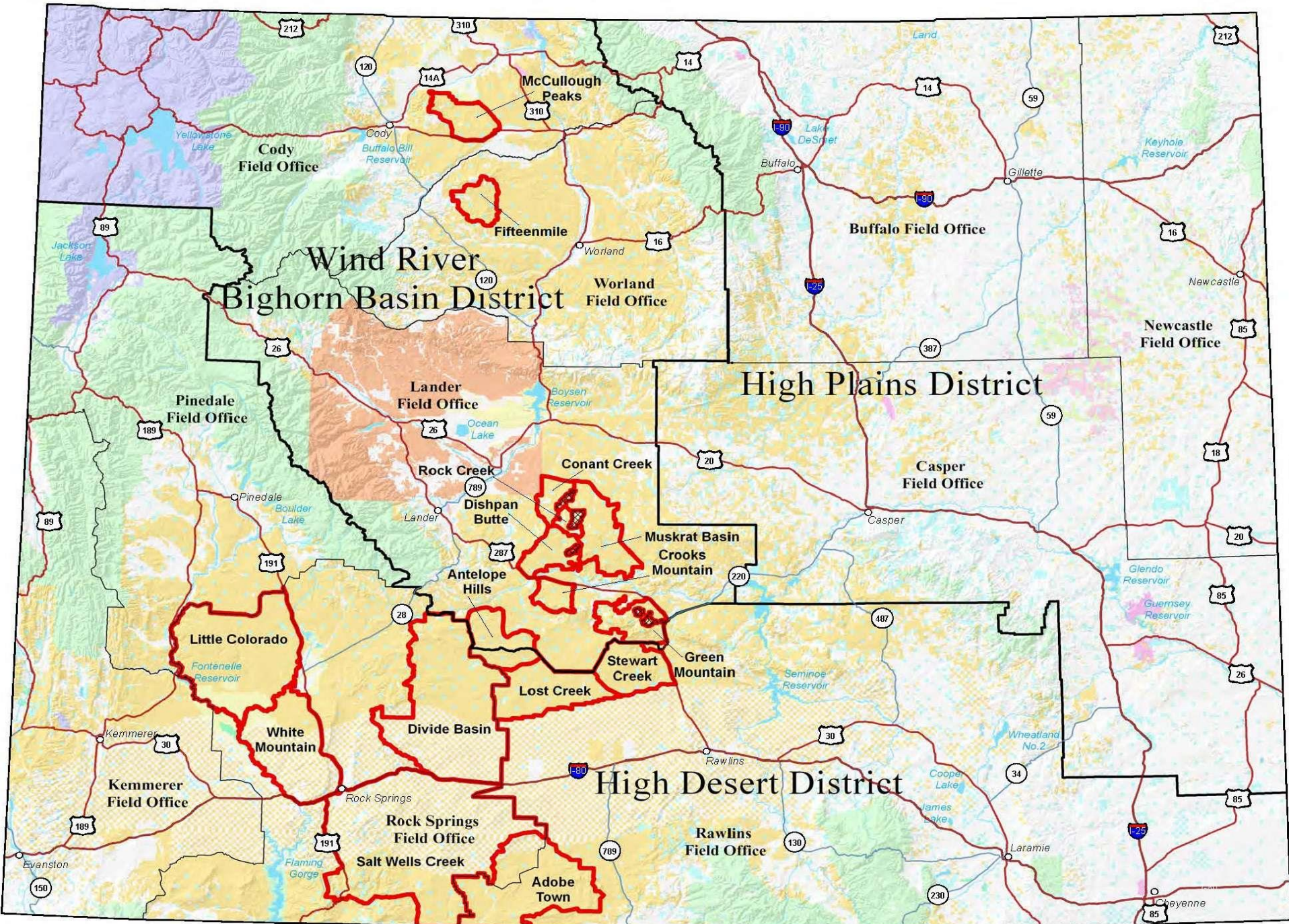


Wild Horse and Burro Program



- Population approx. 3,771
(as of Feb. 28, 2013)
- BLM Wyoming WH&B
Program Lead, June
Wendlandt





Wyoming Holding Facilities

Mantle Wild Horse Training & Adoption Center



Wyoming Holding Facilities Cont'd

Wyoming Honor Farm



“There is nothing better for the inside of a man than the outside of a horse.” – Will Rogers



Wyoming Holding Facilities Cont'd

Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility



Deerwood Ranch Wild Horse Ecosanctuary



- First BLM sponsored wild horse ecosanctuary
- 4,000-acre, family-owned ranch
- Approx. 30 miles west of Laramie, in southeastern Wyoming.
- Long-term, humane care for up to 300 wild horses



Proposed Double D Ranch Wild Horse Ecosanctuary

- located seven miles north of Lander, Wyo.
- 900-acres of private and leased lands for up to 250 horses
- Support from the Wind River Visitors Council, the Lander Chamber of Commerce and the city of Lander
- First horses could arrive in the fall of 2014



FY 2014 Wyoming Removal

Wild horse gather in the checkerboard of the Great Divide, Adobe Town and Salt Wells Creek herd management areas

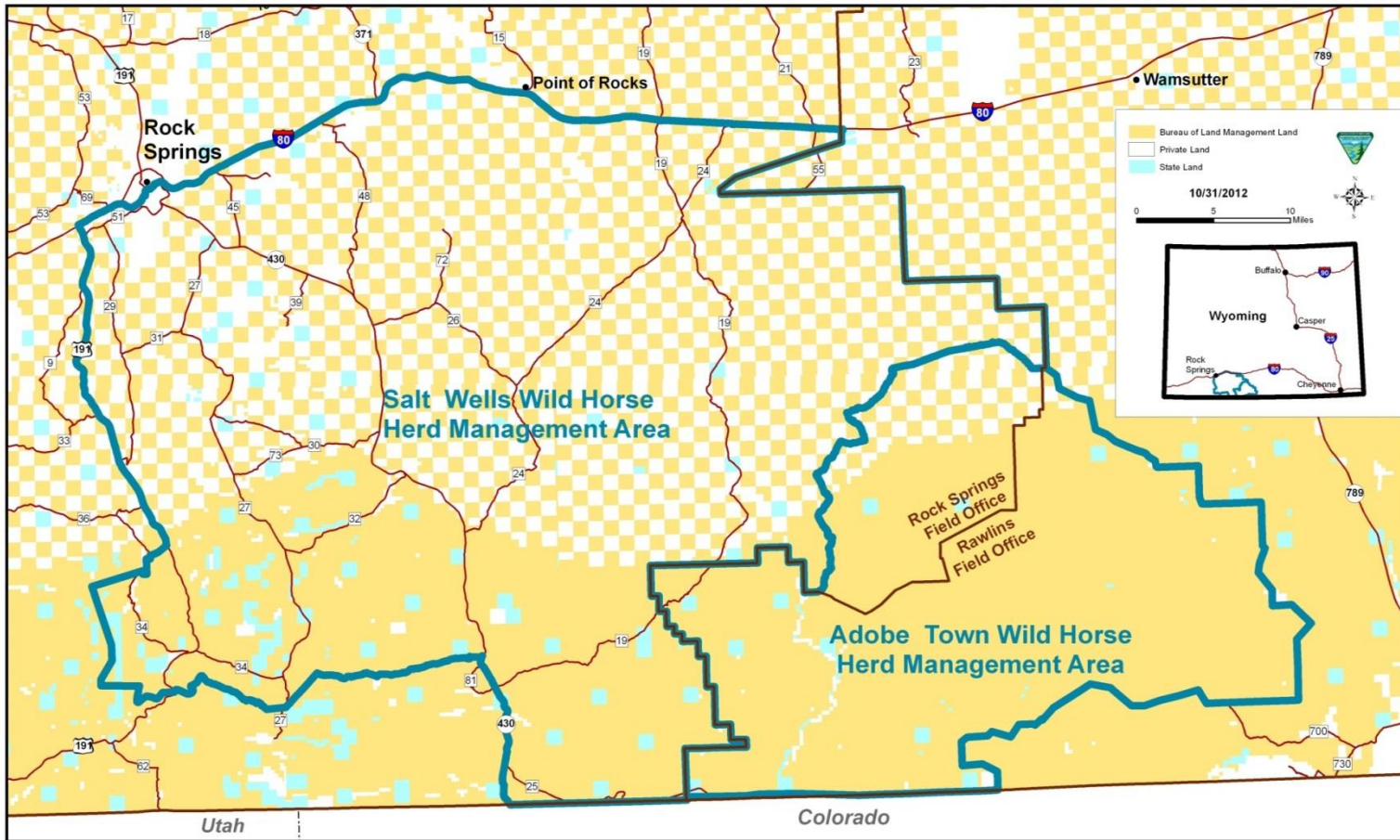
- Approx. 2,427,220 acres (1,242,176 in the checkerboard)
- The majority of private land in the HMAs is in the checkerboard.
- These private lands are owned or controlled by the Rock Springs Grazing Association (RSGA).





FY '14 Wyoming Removal cont'd

Adobe Town and Salt Wells Creek Wild Horse Herd Management Areas



FY '14 Wyoming Removal cont'd

2014 Statistically Corrected Census Counts			
HMA	Total within HMA		Total within Checkerboard
Great Divide Basin	618		394
Salt Wells Creek	728		402
Adobe Town	566		10

- Census flights April 2014
- BLM, RSGA, US Geological Survey participated
- Simultaneous double count method used



What we've done this year...



Hostess with the mostest!



Wild horses to the rescue

BLM



Thank you

